

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Minnesota

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CHRISTINA ANNE REINEKE,

Case No.

13-MJ-672 (JJG)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about October 3, 2013, in Hennepin County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant

CHRISTINA ANNE REINEKE did knowingly and intentionally deposit in the U.S. Mail, letters that contained threats to kill or injure postal customers and employees of the Robbinsdale Post Office,

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 876(c).

I further state that I am an United States Postal Inspector and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No



Complainant's signature

KATHRYN NICHOLS, U.S. Postal Inspector

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 10/4/13 3:00 PM



Judge's signature

City and state: St. Paul, MN

The Honorable Jeanne J. Graham

Printed name and title

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF KATHRYN NICHOLS
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

I, Kathryn Nichols, being duly sworn under oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Postal Inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service, and have been so employed for over ten years. I am currently assigned to the Twin Cities Domicile, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and have assignment duties that include the investigation of threatening communications as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 876. I have received training from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service on conducting investigations pertaining to dangerous and threatening communications. Additionally, I investigate the use of the U.S. Mails to illegally mail and receive controlled substances and drug trafficking instrumentalities.

2. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint against CHRISTINA ANNE REINEKE, on grounds that she sent threatening communications through the U.S. Mails in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876(c).

3. This affidavit is based on my training, experience, personal knowledge and observations in this investigation; upon my discussions with other law enforcement officers and agents directly involved in this investigation; and, upon my review of official reports submitted in relation to this investigation. This affidavit is made for the purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a federal arrest warrant and therefore contains only a summary of relevant facts.

4. On October 4, 2013, I learned a letter was received at the United States Post Office in Robbinsdale, Minnesota on that same date. The letter was handwritten in all capital letters. The letter stated as follows:

Post Master

Have you ever been afraid? Well, be afraid. Your post office along with 6 others are going to blow up! I'm going to blow them up one at/a time. One after the other. But you will never know when, how, or where the bombs are located. I will cetch [sic] you off gaurd [sic]. You may know me you may not. All I can say is count your blessings and hope that you are not in the post office when it blows up! But I bet you will be. I'm watching you!

"Boom!"

5. The letter was post-marked October 3, 2013, from a location in Minneapolis. Similar letters were also received at United States Post Offices in Elk River, Minnesota, Wayzata, Minnesota, and Anoka, Minnesota.

7. In 2009, CHRISTINA ANNE REINEKE was prosecuted for sending similar threatening communications through the U.S. Mails. I know that REINEKE was convicted and sentenced to 54 months of imprisonment.

8. I personally participated in the investigation of the 2009 case and reviewed the threatening communications that were sent in that case. The communications in the 2009 case were also handwritten, although in that case, most of the communication was written using lower case letters.

9. I reviewed copies of the 2009 threatening communications and compared them to the letter received by the Robbinsdale Post Office. Based on the similarity of the

handwriting, and the use of similar threatening language, I believed that it REINEKE have sent the letter received by the Robbinsdale Post Office on October 4, 2013.

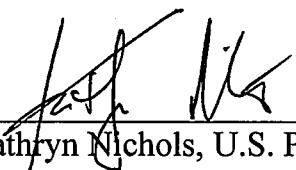
10. I have learned that REINEKE was released from prison, and is currently on supervised release from her 2009 conviction. Through my contact with her probation officer, I learned that REINEKE was staying at Whittier Place, located at 2405 1st Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

11. On October 4, 2013, I went to Whittier Place to meet with REINEKE. Another U.S. Postal Inspector and REINEKE's U.S. Probation Officer were present during the meeting. During the conversation with REINEKE, she was asked if she knew why we were there. She replied that she had sent some letters to post offices. She admitted writing and mailing threatening communications to several post offices in the Twin Cities metro area.

12. REINEKE said that she had written the letters in her room at Whittier Place. REINEKE allowed officers to follow her to her room and voluntarily allowed officers to seize stationery similar to the stationery used in the October letter to the Robbinsdale Post Office and the other post offices, a writing instrument that REINEKE admitted to using to write the letters, and a torn-up draft of a letter.

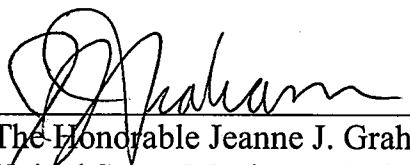
13. Based on the above information, I submit there is probable cause to believe that CHRISTINA ANNE REINEKE committed a crime by mailing threatening communications in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 876(c).

Further your Affiant sayeth not.



Kathryn Nichols, U.S. Postal Inspector
U.S. Postal Inspection Service

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before
me this 4th day of October, 2013.



The Honorable Jeanne J. Graham
United States Magistrate Judge